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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# **National Oceanic and Atmospheric** Administration

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# **North Pacific Fishery Management** Council (NPFMC); Public Meeting

**AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries** Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The NPFMC's Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) Committee has scheduled a meeting. DATES: The meeting will be held on September 21-22, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21. ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Room 2079, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, telephone: 907-271-2809.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee will review the draft environmental assessment and regulatory impact review for proposed changes to the IR/IU program.

Although other issues may come before this committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

# Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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# Gary C. Matlock,

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

## **National Oceanic and Atmospheric** Administration

[I.D. 081198C]

# **North Pacific Fishery Management** Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries** Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Western/Central Gulf of Alaska Management Committee has scheduled a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the on Historic Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, telephone: 907-271-2809.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee will review analysis for a "fair start" provision of the Pacific cod longline fisheries, review the 1998 pollock "B" season results, and discuss possible additional management measures for the Western/Central Gulf of Alaska fisheries.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

# Special Accommodations

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Dated: August 21, 1998.

# Gary C. Matlock,

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

# **National Oceanic and Atmospheric** Administration

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## **Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet during September 13-18, 1998. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, September 14, at 1 p.m. with a closed session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The open session begins at 1:30 p.m. The Council will reconvene Tuesday through Friday at 8 a.m. in open session. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Red Lion's Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 924-8041.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW. Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order

- 1. Opening Remarks, Introductions, Roll Call
  - 2. Oath of Office for New Members
  - 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Approve June 1998 Meeting Minutes
- B. Dungeness Crab Management -Determine Need for Council Plan
- C. Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management - Consider Coordinated Management in the Pacific
  - D. Pacific Halibut Management
  - 1. Status of 1998 Fisheries
- 2. Proposed Changes to Regulations for 1999
- E. Coastal Pelagic Species Management - Adopt Final Plan Amendments
  - F. Habitat Issues
  - G. Salmon Management
- 1. Sequence of Events and Status of **Fisheries**
- 2. Preliminary Draft Plan Amendments